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Judge Kolar Kottely
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U.S. Department of Justice
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Dear Judge Kolar Kottely:

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the public comment period regarding the settlement of the government's anti-trust case against the Microsoft Corporation.


As an executive with the Iowa Association of Business and Industry in Des Moines, Iowa I was pleased to hear that a settlement in this case had been reached. While this case has implications for most American consumers, the implications for those of us in the business sector are even greater.

The negative impact this case has had on the technology industry was apparent nearly from its inception. Technology stocks began their slide downward at the same time the district court ruled that Microsoft should be broken up. This ruling caused major uncertainty within the tech community and with its investors.

This proposed settlement would provide much needed stability to the technology industry that was absent during the period this case remained unresolved. The conclusion of this suit will send the signal to both investors and innovators that they no longer need to be concerned with unnecessary government regulations as they work to create new technology products and services for the future.

I encourage you to accept the settlement reached by the Department of Justice and the Microsoft Corporation.

Sincerely,



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Vice President

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